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EUROPEAN GUITARIST JOINS USD'S LISA SMITH FOR "INSPIRATION"

Two students of famed guitar virtuoso Pepe Romero will present "Inspired Music for Two Guitars" at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, in USD Founders Chapel.

Lisa Smith and Alexander-Sergei Ramirez will perform works by J.S. Bach, Agustin Barrios, Fernando Sor and Isaac Albeniz.

Ramirez, born in Lima, Peru, began his musical training at the age of seven. At 20, he was admitted to the Robert Schumann Institute in Dusseldorf, West Germany. In 1987, he won first prize in the international guitar competition in Alhambra, Spain. He is described as possessing "an extremely brilliant virtuoso technique and demonstrates a fine and true sensitivity in which a remarkable emotional depth may be appreciated."

Lisa Smith, a member of the USD music faculty, recently returned from a summer concert tour in Europe. In 1989, she was the only American finalist in the prestigious Andres Segovia International Guitar Competition held in El Escorial, Spain.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 general and \$3, seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, please call the USD Fine Arts Department at 260-4600, Ext. 4486.

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